



Route 18 overnight lane and ramp closures necessary as pavement preservation project advances in Middlesex County

Closures will alternate between Route 18 northbound and southbound

(Trenton) - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane, shoulder and ramp closures will begin tonight as the pavement preservation project on Route 18 between Route 27, New Brunswick, and Buckingham Drive, Piscataway, advances in Middlesex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, October 1, until 6 a.m. the next morning, October 2, and continuing nightly for the next several weeks, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph Defino Contracting Company, is scheduled to intermittently close the right lane, ramps and shoulders along the three-mile project area. The work will alternate between Route 18 southbound and northbound, allowing for the resurfacing of the Route 18 mainline. Although multiple ramps may be closed on some nights, the project will not close two consecutive ramps at any one time.

The right lane and ramp closures will begin on Route 18 southbound, at Buckingham Drive, Piscataway, and continue toward George Street. Upon completion of the southbound paving, work will continue on Route 18 northbound. The following ramps will be closed intermittently, overnight during this project stage:

Route 18 southbound ramps to be closed:

- Exit to Davidson Road from Route 18 southbound
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from Davidson Road westbound
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from Davidson Road eastbound
- Exit to Campus Road from Route 18 southbound
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from Campus Road
- Exit to George Street from Route 18 southbound
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from George Street
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from George Street northbound
- Entry to Route 18 southbound from George Street and Bishop Place

Route 18 northbound ramps to be closed:

- Exit to Route 27 from Route 18 northbound
- Exit to George Street and Bishop Place from Route 18 northbound
- Exit to George Street from Route 18 northbound
- Entry to continue on George Street
- Entry to Route 18 northbound from George Street
- Exit to River Road from Route 18 northbound
- Entry to Route 18 northbound from River Road westbound





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- Entry to Route 18 northbound from River Road eastbound
- Entry to Route 18 northbound from Davidson Road eastbound
- Entry to Route 18 northbound from Davidson Road westbound
- Exit to CR 609 Metlars Lane from Route 18 northbound
- Exit to Campus Road from Route 18 northbound
- Entry to Route 18 northbound from Campus Road

The \$4.7 million federally-funded Route 18 at Route 27 to Buckingham Drive pavement preservation project will extend the pavement life, improve safety and enhance ride quality for motorists. Substandard inlets and curb pieces will be upgraded as necessary and rumble strips will be applied. Ramps within the project limit also will be resurfaced in spring, 2020. The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2020.

Variable message signs are being used throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the pavement preservation project.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

Please note, the NJDOT Communications Office has a new phone number – 609-963-1975.

